

ture who would call me cheap, and that is probably true. I'm very stingy with state dollars. But yet I think this is \$130,000 that is well spent, that could save us money in the long run in a lot of cases. I think there are cases which are filed, perhaps, that shouldn't be filed. There are times when we maybe should do some prosecution but don't because we don't have the library and we don't have the materials that some of the attorneys in greater Nebraska, not outstate Nebraska, but greater Nebraska, need. I think this will provide these people with the materials they need to better do their job. I think it's a wise expenditure. I think we should thank Senator Chambers, from Omaha, who brings a bill really for rural Nebraska. Probably some of us from greater Nebraska should be introducing a measure like this. I do support the bill. I hope we will move it along quickly.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mills.

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I have some concern. I'd like to ask Senator Chambers a question if I might. Senator Chambers, I, like Senator Cullan, applaud you for the bill that will help some of our people in Western Nebraska. But I have a question, Senator Chambers, about where this will be located at Creighton University, and how does this escape a church-state relationship?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Mills, Senator Dworak just asked me that.

SENATOR MILLS: I'm sorry, I didn't hear him.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, I meant just now. I'm answering both of you.

SENATOR MILLS: Okay. I'm asking then for Senator Dworak and myself. Both of us were concerned with LB 666, as I know that you were, amendment six as it appeared in 1976. We want to make sure that there is no infringement upon the separation there, of powers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: First of all, Senator Mills, I feel the service is justified. But Section 1 says that this service will be contracted out. That means the University of Nebraska law school could seek to get it. I don't know if the Bar Association has a private group to get enough people together to offer it. But any persons, or any agency could bid on it with DAS. If a person bid who legally was not competent to receive the contract, that person would not get it.

SENATOR MILLS: Then Senator Chambers, it must be on a bid basis. Is that the way I understand your description?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes. Section 1. The Department of Administrative Services shall contract for and supervise the operation of the Nebraska Legal Information Center. Any method they use in granting contracts would have to be followed in this case too.

SENATOR MILLS: Thank you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The reason I mentioned Creighton and everybody does is because Creighton has been providing the service. You have to explain it in that context.